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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE [1]

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE ON LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND FOREIGN SECURITY SERVICES

(Effective 18 January 1982)

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 12333, and Executive Order 12065, the following is established as security classification guidance to representatives of U.S. departments, agencies and military commands who conduct, supervise or coordinate intelligence liaison with foreign intelligence and security services and international organization.

1. The fact of broad, general intelligence cooperation with a country or group of countries with which the United States maintains formal military alliances or agreements (e.g., NATO) is unclassified.

2. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and a specific governmental component in an allied country (see 1 above), or general description of the nature of intelligence cooperation between the United States and one of the foregoing parties is classified Confidential unless a higher classification or no classification is specified by mutual agreement with the government or organization concerned.

3. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and specifically named foreign countries and governmental components thereof with which the United States is not allied is classified Secret unless a different classification is mutually agreed upon.

4. Details of or specifics concerning any intelligence liaison or exchange agreement will be classified according to content.

5. The identities (including name or title) of foreign governmental or military personnel who provide intelligence pursuant to such agreements or liaison relationships will be protected at the same level of classification which applies to the fact of the intelligence cooperation, or at such different level as may be mutually agreed upon.

6. Information classified in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 above shall not be released to any component of either a foreign government or an international organization without the mutual agreement of the originating parties.

7. Information classified in accordance with this guidance shall be protected as specified in applicable Executive Orders and may be declassified only in accordance with the mutual desires of the United States and the foreign government or international organization whose interests are involved.

8. This directive does not apply to any liaison relationship that is concerned with U.S. internal security functions, or with criminal or disciplinary matters that are not directly related to foreign intelligence.

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[1] This directive supersedes DCID 1/10 effective 18 May 1976. Nothing in this directive shall supersede the guidance provided in DCID 6/3.

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